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SUMMARY. AT APRIL 9, 1975 NAC MEETING, A TEAM HEADED BY MG LOBDELL, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PLANS, US AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, GAVE COUNCIL PERMREPS AN UPDATE BRIEFING ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES REQUIRED FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF US AIR FORCE AUGMENTATION AIR CRAFT REINFORCING EUROPE. THE BRIEFING, WHICH WAS WELL RECEIVED HIGHLIGHTED THE POSITIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE US IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ALLIES TO SOLVE THE BASING PROBLEM AND URGED CONTINUED ALLIED COOPERATION TO COMPLETE THE PLANNING WORK REMAINING TO BE DONE. SYG LUNS UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR COUNCIL PERMREPS TO RECEIVE THE BRIEFING INSTEAD OF DPC PERMREPS SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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NEGOTIATIONS AFFECT THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE. PERMREP QUESTIONS SHOWED AN INTEREST IN OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR EXERCISING THE BASES AND THE IMPACT OF ADDED FACILITY COSTS ON THE COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. END SUMMARY.

1. AT NAC MEETING APRIL 9, 1975, COUNCIL PERMREPS FAVORABLY RECEIVED USAFE BRIEFING ON CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES (COBS). SYG LUNS RECALLED THAT DPC PERMEP S HAD RECEIVED AN INITIAL BRIEFING ON COBS IN MAY 1974, WHICH OUTLINED THE BASING CONCEPT AND STRESSED THE URGENT NEED FOR A RAPID SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING BASES FOR THE MANY US TACTICAL AIRCRAFT PLEDGED TO REINFORCE EUROPE BY M PLUS 30.

2. THE SAFE BRIEFING STRESSED: (1) POSITIVE ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MEET THE UNITED STATES' NEEDS FOR COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES; (2) CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BY COUNTRY AND REGION THROUGHOUT ACE; (3) WORK THAT REMAINED TO BE DONE; AND (4) NEED FOR HOST COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE IMPORTANT FOLLOW-ON PLANNING ACTIONS. FINALLY, THE PRESENTATION EMPHASIZED THE VISIBLE DETERRENT VALUE OF NATO'S ABILITY TO DEPLOY AND EFFECTIVELY EMPLOY US AIR FORCE TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT THAT ARE EARMARKED AND AVAILABLE TO REINFORCE EUROPE. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, MISSION WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE TEXT OF BRIEF TO PERMREPS AND TO CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

3. DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED, AMB DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) ASKED WHAT CHANNELS THE US USED TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE USE OF ALLIED BASES. MAJOR GENERAL LOBDELL (USAFAE BRIEFING TEAM CHIEF) REPLIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR BASES IN THE CENTRAL REGION WERE ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND THAT WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION UNDER THE AEGIS OF AFSOUTH, AND THAT ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR SACEUR'S STRATEGIC RESERVE IN NORWAY AND DENMARK WOULD COME UNDER AFNORTH. AMB MENZIES (CANADA) REFERRED TO THE US INTENTION TO PREFINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AND AIRFIELD SURVIVABILITY MEASURES FOR SOME OF THE US AIRCRAFT REINFORCING EUROPE AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE TOTAL COST FOR ADDITIONAL AIRFIELD FACILITIES AND AIRCRAFT PROTECTION, AND WHAT PORTION OF THIS COST IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE COMMON

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INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. GENERAL LOBDELL REPLIED THAT PREFINANCING COST HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THE FACILITIES AND PROTECTION OF US RAPID REACTOR AIRCRAFT AT COBS, AND THAT SHAPE HAS SET PRIORITIES FOR THESE FACILITIES IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT SHAPE CURRENTLY DOES NOT SUPPORT AIRCRAFT SHELTER AND AIRFIELD PROTECTION FOR ALL TACTICAL AIRCRAFT, BUT THE US POSITION IS TO PROVIDE FULL AIRFIELD PROTECTION FOR ALL TACTICAL AIRCRAFT REINFORCING NATO EUROPE BY M PLUS 30. GENERAL LOBDELL SAID THAT TOTAL COST ESTIMATES WERE BEING WORKED ON, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THEM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A SECOND QUESTION FROM AMB MENZIES ABOUT

EXERCISING COBS, GENERAL LOBDELL SAID THAT PLANS TO EXERCISE THE COBS DO NOT EXIST, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EXERCISE THE BASING CONCEPT AND US BASE SUPPORT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. SYG LUNS COMMENDED THE BRIEFING TO PERMREPS AS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH AFFECTED THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE AND CHARACTERIZED THE BASING CONCEPT AS AN INTEREST-ING AND IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE AND NATO'S DETERRENT FORCES.BRUCE

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